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SUBJECT: GOB IMPOSES VISA REQUIREMENT ON RHODESIAN CITIZENS

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1. DAILY NEWS AND RADIO BOTSWANA HAVE ANNOUNCED GOB DECISION TO IMPOSE VISA REQUIREMENT ON "HOLDERS OF RHODESIAN PASSPORTS, RESIDENTS OF RHODESIA AND PERSONS SEEKING TO ENTER BOTSWANA FROM RHODESIA". PREVIOUS GOB IMMIGRATION REGULATIONS HAD AFFORDED RHODESIAN CITIZENS SAME VISA
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EXEMPTION PRIVILEGES ENJOYED BY HOLDERS OF PASSPORTS
ISSUED BY COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES.

2. ACCORDING TO MEDIA REPORTS, FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS TO
NEW VISA REQUIREMENT WILL BE MADE:

A. EMPLOYEES OF RHODESIA RAILWAYS WHO ARE ON DUTY
IN BOTSWANA.

B. PERSONS IN DIRECT AND CONTINUOUS TRANSIT THROUGH BOTSWANA BY RAIL OR AIR.

C. HOLDERS OF OTHER PASSPORTS (PRESUMABLY INCLUDING AMCITS) WHO ARE RESIDENTS OF RHODESIA. NATIONALS OF OTHER COUNTRIES RESIDING IN RHODESIA WILL CONTINUE TO BE TREATED IN THE SAME WAY AS NATIONALS OF THOSE COUNTRIES RESIDING ELSEWHERE.

3. UNHCR RESREP PERKINS TOLD US THAT NEW IMMIGRATION REGULATIONS WILL NOT AFFECT GOB HANDLING OF RHODESIAN REFUGEES WHO CROSS INTO BOTSWANA. FLOW OF REFUGEES WHO CROSS RELATIVELY UNDEFENDED BOTSWANA BORDER COULD NOT BE RESTRICTED BY VISA REGULATIONS IN ANY EVENT.

4. COMMENT: IMPOSITION OF VISA REQUIREMENT FOR RHODESIANS IS SECOND TANGIBLE GOB MEASURE TAKEN IN RESPONSE TO RHODESIAN ATTACK ON BDF PATROL IN WHICH SEVENTEEN BOTSWANA WERE KILLED. NEW REGULATIONS WILL BE AT LEAST NUISANCE AND COULD HAVE SIGNIFICANT IMPACT IF USED BY GOB TO PREVENT TRAVEL BY NUMEROUS WHITE RHODESIANS WHO VISIT BOTSWANA FOR BUSINESS OR PLEASURE. EXEMPTION OF RHODESIA RAILWAYS PERSONNEL, WHO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN BOTSWANA'S ECONOMIC LIFELINE, AGAIN HIGHLIGHTS GOB'S LIMITATIONS IN TAKING ACTION AGAINST RHODESIA.

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